

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: G10H 7/00, G06N 3/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPO-INTERNAL, WPI DATA, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6356884 B1 (STEPHEN L. THALER), 12 March 2002 (12.03.2002), column 1, line 9 - line 35; column 8, line 61 - column 11, line 19 --	1-31,34
A	US 5285522 A (MUELLER, P H), 8 February 1994 (08.02.1994), abstract --	1-31,34
A	US 5072130 A (DOBSON, V G), 10 December 1991 (10.12.1991), abstract --	1-31,34
A	US 4926064 A (TAPANG, C C), 15 May 1990 (15.05.1990), abstract --	1-31,34

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5151969 A (PETSCH, T), 29 Sept 1992 (29.09.1992), abstract -----	1-31, 34

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/IB2004/001053

Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 35, 36
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

Claims 35 and 36 comprise meaningless phrases without any relevance for any kind of invention.

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Independent claims 1, 21, 22, 29 and 34.
2. Independent claim 32.

Since inventions 1-2 do not have any common special technical feature, inventions 1-2, a priori, do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-31, 34

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
Information on patent family members

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